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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Vigil DATE TYPED: 1/24/02 HB 220

SHORT TITLE: Emergency Highway Closure SB _____

ANALYST: Belmares

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
			NFI		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety

No Response Received

Highway and Transportation Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 220 amends Section 66-7-11 to authorize the Department of Public Safety (DPS), rather than the New Mexico State Police (part of DPS organization), to close certain highways in emergencies.

Significant Issues

HB220 would extend the current authority given to State Police to close certain highways in emergencies to DPS. The involvement of the Motor Transportation Division and other DPS personnel could enhance the department's law enforcement program (comprised of the Motor Transportation Division, Special Investigations Division and State Police) to better serve its mission of responding to and addressing public safety needs.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Is the intention of the bill to extend the authority to anyone in DPS or to the DPS Cabinet Secretary or his/her designee, or commissioned officers within the department?

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